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NCOIL TO NAIC: SLOW DOWN ON CONTROVERSIAL MARKET CONDUCT PROPOSAL

New York, NY, July 15, 2008 — Naming critical concerns regarding confidentiality and authority, the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) advised a slowdown of a market conduct annual statement (MCAS) proposal being considered by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The NCOIL Executive and State-Federal Relations Committees on July 11 and 13 unanimously adopted a resolution questioning an NAIC plan to piggy-back on statutorily required annual financial statements in order to facilitate a centralized NAIC market conduct database, during the NCOIL Summer Meeting here.

Sponsored by NCOIL Vice President and State-Federal Relations Committee Chair, Representative Robert Damron (KY), the resolution says that the NAIC should defer consideration of its project "to fully address the concerns of state legislators and other interested parties—and to give state legislators critical opportunities to consider and develop the appropriate public policy with regard to such [MCAS] data."

The resolution commits NCOIL to "working with the NAIC and with individual state regulators regarding an appropriate collection of market conduct data that would best serve consumers and insurers and promote modernized insurance marketplaces." It states, among other things, the following concerns.

- No state legislature has required a fundamental change or expansion in the nature of the insurer annual statement to include market conduct data.
- NCOIL has concerns regarding NAIC authority to collect market conduct data as part of an annual statement filing.
- NCOIL questions whether the costs of compliance might outweigh the benefits to consumers, insurance companies, regulators, and state legislatures.
- NCOIL has concerns regarding the confidentiality of market conduct data, since such data has not before been made public.

Adoption of the proposal followed a presentation by NAIC Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee Chair, Commissioner John Morrison (MT), and a nearly one-hour discussion between legislators and regulators regarding the NAIC proposal. Legislators asserted that an NCOIL *Market Conduct Surveillance Model Law* adopted in late 2006 to streamline the market conduct examination process may have better served many of the NAIC proposal's goals.

Commissioner Morrison described the (D) Committee proposal to collect MCAS data through the Annual Statement Blank—which has been used to collect company financial data, not market data—and to centrally store and analyze such information at the NAIC. He noted that the NAIC Executive Committee was scheduled to consider the proposal during a July 8 conference call that was postponed without a make-up date due to NAIC administrative employment matters.

NCOIL previously had raised concerns over the NAIC proposal in a May 23 letter from NCOIL Officers to NAIC President, Commissioner Sandy Praeger (KS). The letter urged the NAIC to delay an Executive Committee vote to adopt the proposal and noted that "although NAIC and NCOIL have met repeatedly during NCOIL and NAIC meetings, this particular proposal was not brought forward for discussion." The NAIC deferred the vote on a May 28 conference call, assuring NCOIL President Representative Brian Kennedy (RI) that it would amply vet the proposal and consider legislative input.

Insurance industry trade groups have been critical of the NAIC proposal, saying that the plan is a way to circumvent state statutes that require market conduct data to be considered confidential and that the NAIC did not have the legal authority to maintain the confidentiality of market conduct data—as required by state statutes.

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ASCA Newsletter

July 2008

Mission

To foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnership, grants and services.

A Note From Charlotte:

First off, I want to apologize for the non graphics on this newsletter. We are between newsletter graphics contractors, and wanted to get this out in a timely manner.

As you may know, the Council awarded over $500,000 in annual and quarterly grants at their meeting in June. We received $40,000 increment in state general funds for FY 09, and this marks the 6th year that we have received an increase, and we hope this trend continues. Of course, a critical part of this funding is the recognition that each of you give to your elected officials about their support. I urge you to personally invite legislators to your openings, events, recitals, or even your studio! They need to know that we appreciate their support.

I also want to make sure each of you puts an important date on your calendar: January 29-31, 2009. That will be the dates of the statewide arts conference in Anchorage. We will be sending out some particulars in September, but please make sure it's in your budget. There are also some travel grant possibilities for you to attend, including the Career Opportunity Grant (with deadlines Sept. 1 and Dec. 1) and the Rasmuson Cultural Leadership grant.

I had the privilege of visiting Ketchikan in May, and the Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council has met their fundraising goal to purchase new digs for their offices and activities. It's an amazing community down there – one of many creative communities in Alaska. ASCA also had our annual meeting in Homer, splendidly hosted by the Homer Council on the Arts, with a dinner, reception and other activities. Our thanks to Hope Finkelstein, Diane Borgman and the HCOA Board, Lance Petersen, Asia Freeman, the Bunnell Street Arts Center Board and Heather Beggs for all their marvelous hospitality.

Upcoming ASCA Meetings:

August 15: Noon-1:30, Council meeting via teleconference

September 19: Noon-1:30, Council meeting via teleconference

For information and agenda, contact ASCA at 1.888.278.7424 or 907.269.6610.

ASCA Awards over $500,000 in Grants to Artists and Organizations at annual meeting in June

Details available at **www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca**

ASCA Welcomes Summer Intern, Melissa Shaginoff

ASCA welcomes the addition of our summer First Alaskans Institute Intern Melissa Shaginoff. Melissa is Ahtna Athabascan originally from Chickaloon. She is attending UAA majoring in Fine Art and double-minoring in Alaska Native Studies and Psychology. During her internship Melissa will conduct a research project on Master Alaska Native Artists. She will be collecting information for ASCA primarily from the Ahtna region and compiling information through personal interviews. Melissa is very excited about her project and very grateful to ASCA and First Alaskans for this unique opportunity.

Governor Palin Announces Council Appointments

Governor Palin appointed Patricia "Jinx" Whitaker, and reappointed Sven D. Haakanson Jr., Peggy Ferguson and Nancy M. Harbour to the Alaska State Council on the Arts in June.

The council's 11 members are charged with helping enrich the cultural life of the state by encouraging the practice, enjoyment and support of the arts in Alaska, and with ensuring that arts and culture continue to be an integral part of Alaskans' lives.

Whitaker, of Fairbanks, is a lifelong Alaskan who has been president since 1979 of the New Horizons Gallery in Fairbanks, an Alaska art gallery with roots in a Fairbanks art supply and framing business started by her parents in 1955. She and her gallery have been active supporters of Alaska arts and artists for decades, carrying artwork from across the state and hosting exhibitions, shows and First Friday open houses. Whitaker serves on the advisory council for the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) honorary doctorate program, sits on Holland America's local advisory committee for Fairbanks, and volunteers for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a local hospice.

Haakanson, of Kodiak, is director of the Alutiiq Museum and Archeological Repository. An anthropologist with special interest in circumpolar Native art and culture, Haakanson has been a lecturer, manager of archeological digs in Kodiak and teacher on the culture of Arctic peoples in Alaska and Russia. He has held exhibits of Alutiiq cultural objects and art, exhibited his own photographs of Natives and reindeer herders, and done research in Kodiak and Russian Siberia. In 2007, he received the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship award, recognizing his creativity and promise for future accomplishments. Haakanson earned a bachelor's degree from UAF in 1992, and masters and doctoral degrees from Harvard University in 1996 and 2000, respectively.

Ferguson, of Fairbanks, is managing director of the Fairbanks Drama Association & Children's Theatre, and has been a force in Alaska Community Theater for more than 30 years. In addition to her work as a volunteer, director and manager of the Fairbanks Drama Association, she has been development director for the Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre and the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre. She is also founding director of the Alaska Light Opera Theater in Anchorage and founder of the Looking Glass Group Theater, and has been managing director of the Valley Performing Arts Center in Palmer, director of the theater division of the Summer Fine Arts Camp in Fairbanks, and Fairbanks manager for the Alaska Repertory Theater. Ferguson has a degree in theater arts and speech from the University of Minnesota.

Harbour, of Anchorage, is president of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. She has served in a number of positions with the Center, starting even before it opened to the public in 1988, rising from marketing/development director, to vice president, and to president in 1997. She has been involved in the arts in Alaska for nearly 30 years, first working in the University of Alaska Anchorage theater department in the 1970s, and rising from statewide touring director to executive

director of Arts Alaska, Inc. from 1979-87. Harbour has studied English literature at University of Washington, and received undergraduate and graduate certifications in public assembly facility management in 2000 and 2007, respectively.

Artist Opportunities:

Exhibition Prospectus, the Main Street Gallery in Groton, N. Y.

National Photography '08 Exhibition from Oct. 23, 2008- Nov. 23, 2008

Entry forms due September 13, 2008

Call for Entries, Night Visions III- Sept. 27-Nov. 6, 2008

Flagstaff Cultural Partners c/o Coconino Center for the Arts

Arts Administrator Professional Opportunities:

Alaska Dance Theatre is seeking an energetic self motivated individual to run the office in the School of Alaska Dance Theatre. Job duties include working with the Executive and Artistic Director to schedule front office staff and pianists, keeping class records up to date, producing role sheets for instructors, registering students, overseeing any rental contracts, coordinating building maintenance, making deposits, working with the bookkeeper to keep financial records in order, coordinating the logistics for all auditions and the year-end Student Showcase.

Submit a cover letter, a resume and three references to Alaska Dance Theatre.

ATTN: Ruth Glenn, Executive Director

by email: info@alaskadancetheatre.org

fax: 907-274-3078

or mail: 550 E 33rd Ave. Anchorage, AK 99503

Alaska Junior Theatre is currently looking to fill two positions for the following:

-Marketing & PR Associate, full time

-Education Associate, full time

Send a cover letter, resume and three references by mail or email by

July 15th 2008 to: Lainie Dreas, Executive Director, AJT, 329 F Street, Suite 204, Anchorage, AK 99501. Lainie@akjt.org

Calls for Art

4Culture + Public Art Calls List

www. publicart@4culture.org

A list compiled by Public Art 4Culture provides basic information about current Public Art Calls to Artists as well as current public art opportunities from fellow agencies. Please note each Call may have specific eligibility requirements including geographic restrictions. If you would like to receive this list directly from 4Culture, please contact Willow Fox via the web sitewww.publicart@4culture.org

ASCA Deadlines:

August 29: Receipt deadline for FY 08 Final Reports. Forms are on the ASCA website. If you received a grant from ASCA during FY 08, this report must be in our offices by Friday, August 29.

September 1: Deadline for Career Opportunity, Workshop and Community Arts Development grant applications. Apply online at **http://alaska.cgweb.org**

July 15 and September 15: Cultural Collaborations Project Grant. Project Grants offer matching funds up to $6,000 to support high-quality, longer-term experientially based arts and cultural projects or programs for youth outside of the school day. Applications and guidelines are available at: **www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca** under Arts Education. Please read all guidelines carefully.

November 1- Artists in Schools Residency Grant, Round II. Applications and guidelines are available at **http://alaska.cgweb.org**. Grant applications should be completed by schools wishing to host an AIS residency during the 2008/2009 school year. Please read the guidelines carefully prior to applying.

November 1- Artists in Schools Teaching Artists Applications. Each year the Artists in Schools Program solicits applications from professional teaching artists with a strong desire to share their passion, art and skills with Alaskan students and teachers through school residencies. Applications are due by November 1. Teaching Artist application forms are available at: **www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca** under Arts Education.

December 1- Cultural Collaborations Arts Educators Grant. Designed for permanently assigned Alaskan Arts Educators in K-12 settings to reconnect with their art form and immerse themselves in their own creative work and to create new energy and creativity. Offers grant funds up to $3,000. Applications and guidelines are available at: **www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca** under Arts Education. Please read all guidelines carefully.

For more information about the Cultural Collaborations and Artists in Schools Program, please contact Susan Olson, Program Director at 1-888-278-7427 (toll-free in Alaska) or (907) 269-6682, or email at susan.olson1@alaska.gov.

Arts in Education

Please visit our website at **www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca** to view recent artist in schools photos!

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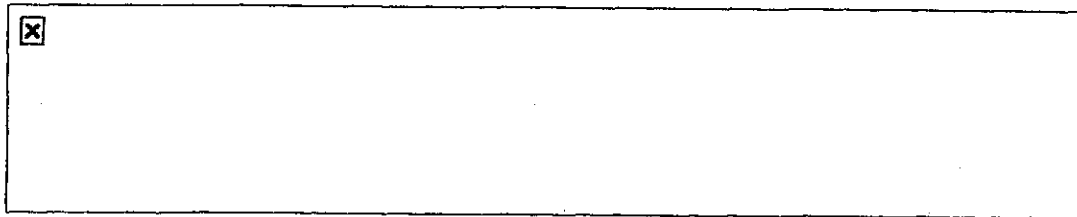
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<u>**New York, New York, June 14, 2008**</u>—As Congress debates bills that would toss aside state efforts to regulate credit-based insurance scoring, the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) on July 13 adopted a *Resolution Supporting State Regulation of the Use of Credit Information in Personal Insurance*—which highlights the ongoing 26-state success of an NCOIL insurance scoring model act and opposes federal plans to usurp state prerogative.

The resolution, adopted during the NCOIL Summer Meeting in New York City, recognizes the 2002 NCOIL model's ability to protect consumers and promote competitive insurance markets, including provisions that assist the young, old, and those who suffer extraordinary life events. Nearly all states, the resolution notes, regulate credit-based scoring. The NCOIL resolution says also that H.R. 5633, the *Nondiscriminatory Use of Consumer Reports and Consumer Information Act of 2008* and H.R. 6062, the *Personal Lines of Insurance Fairness Act of 2008*, would intrude on state-level efforts to oversee insurance scoring.

The NCOIL resolution opposes any federal legislation that would disregard legislatures' ability to determine what is best for their individual states and would infringe on state authority to regulate the business of insurance. Proponents of the pending bills say they would remedy concerns that insurance scores serve as "stand-ins" for race, income, or ethnicity.

According to NCOIL Secretary Rep. George Keiser (ND), sponsor of the resolution, "The NCOIL model successfully balances consumer and other interests and makes it clear, in our opinion, that federal regulation is unnecessary. Those in Congress who worry about the fairness of insurance scoring should read the NCOIL model law and look at what NCOIL-based states have accomplished—since most states resolved this issue, in a timely way, several years ago."

In general, the NCOIL *Model Act Regarding Use of Credit Information in Personal Insurance* prohibits credit experience from being the sole factor influencing a personal-lines underwriting or rating decision and provides for use of updated credit information, among other things.

Adoption of the NCOIL resolution followed Rep. Keiser's May 21 testimony at a U.S. House Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations hearing entitled *The Impact of Credit-Based Insurance Scoring on the Availability and Affordability of Insurance.*

The NCOIL Executive Committee vote on July 13 followed Property-Casualty Insurance Committee adoption of the resolution on July 11. The NCOIL Summer Meeting was held at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square.

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The supplemental application deals with those who do not request a PFD or who are living in Alaska but do not yet qualify for the 2008 dividend. After watching this morning's committee meeting, it looks like the committee wants us to draft new language addressing some of their concerns: fiscal impact of sending out an additional checks, and working the application process, the fact that the funds are not subject to garnishment, the issue that the check doesn't deal with the energy crisis but is a resource rebate...

And, I do believe Wagoner understands the way to get to Roads to Resources and is actively working on it.

We will all work on the package of legislation and try and find a good compromise on the bills.

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Web mail from: Mr. TC Robinson

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MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

My name is TC Robinson, and I am an 18 year old college student from Chesterfield, VA. I'm sure you may be wondering why someone from the other side of the country would want to contact you, and quite frankly the reason is simple. I hope to one day have a career in public service. For a long time, well, for at least the last few years, I've struggled to find leaders to look up to. Granted, there have been a few, but they have either proved to be an illusion, or simply a huge disappointment. Well, I'm happy to say that I've found that leader, one who I don't believe will disappoint me. Governor Palin, that leader is you.

I have followed you since your election as Governor in 2006. Your courage then, standing up to the political establishment and questioning your leaders, is a quality few hold. People forget that government SHOULD be held accountable and questioned, even if it brings their downfall. If more people did what you did, our government would have an efficiency few would rival. You're style of governing, with your pledge of accountability an transparency, is one I hope to follow.

I know you have been mentioned as a potential running mate for Senator John McCain. Let me just say that for lack of a better word, Sen. McCain would be a fool not to pick you. Alaska needed you in 2006, well, America needs you now. You are the future of the Republican Party, and if I have anything to say about it, I'll help elect you President one day.

Keep up the good work, and give my best to all your family.

Sincerely,

TC Robinson

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Subject: FW: Western Access Briefing

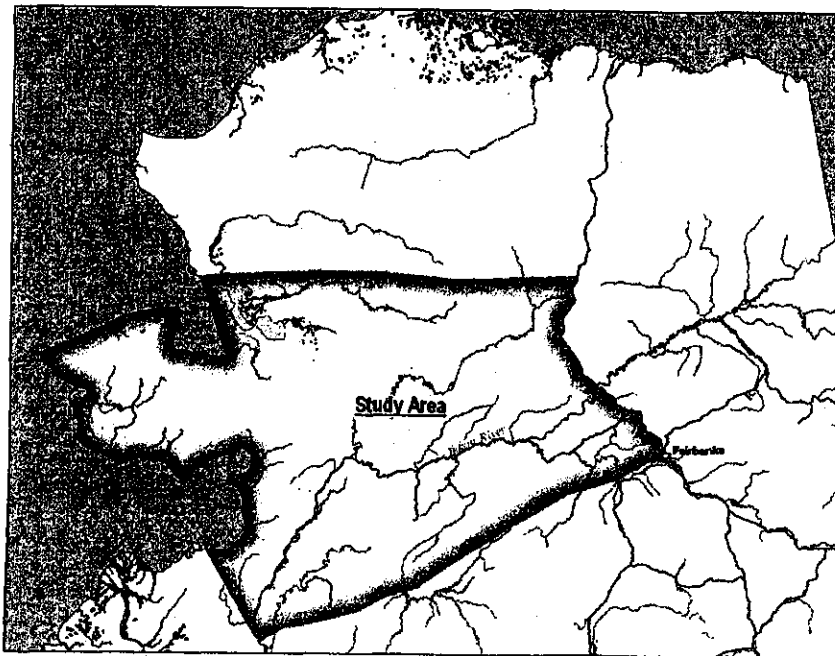
Governor, has promised here is a brief paper on the Western Alaska Corridor (Nome Road) for your info. LEO

July 15, 2008

Governor's Briefing
Western Alaska Access Planning Study

In May of this year DOT&PF issued an RFP to analyze the potential for constructing a highway between the contiguous Alaska highway system and the isolated highway system on the Seward Peninsula. Contract negotiations are currently underway with DOWL Engineers and are expected to be completed within a month. The study is expected to be complete by August 2009. The budget for this initial planning study is $1,000,000. The study will result in recommendations and cost estimates for actions needed to implement construction.

The purpose of this highway is to facilitate resource and community development in the region. The study encompasses the area west of the Dalton Highway, north of the Yukon and lower Tanana River basins and south of the Brooks Range (see map). The length of the proposed highway is approximately 600 miles, depending on the route.

Alternative routes will be identified based on potential economic benefits, topographic and environmental constraints and land management considerations. Planning level estimates will be prepared for design, construction and maintenance. The study will include review and update of all relevant information from previous publications and studies.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 11:47 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Recruitment and Retention

Governor:
I understand that other commissioners have had opportunities to talk with you about recruitment and retention. I have not had the same opportunity to provide you with an update on all that has happened since you became Governor and appointed me to this position.

It became clear to me early on, that 1-2% salary increases were not going to solve our recruitment and retention problems. I communicated that to Mike Tibbles and to legislators. But, I also remain convinced that the Working Group can address issues like telecommuting, which could allow State employees with families to not have to pay for day care two or three days a week, and 4-day work weeks, which save on gas and day care costs are other avenues we can implement. These will be discussed again in our next Working Group meeting.

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2) Salary increases for GGU and SU took effect May 1, and were seen in paychecks **May 28**. These employees received 4 and 5.5% respectively, beginning on May 1, and retroactive to July 1, 2007. They also received a 3% increase beginning July 1. Commissioners von Scheben and Hartig did a survey of employees in **March** – prior to these salary increases impacting their employees. I am not surprised that the employees surveyed, who at that time had not seen any increases, said that salary was the biggest issue for them. I would like to see a new survey done in October, which reflects these new increases.
3) We successfully got HB 417 through the Legislature, bringing the non-covered employees (attorneys at OPA/PD and Department of Law, and other rank and file positions) up 5.5%. We removed impediments to service step improvements which will mean a 3.75% increase to employees every two years after Step F (with a good evaluation and regardless of any other negotiated increases). This indirectly will save time and effort as Division of Personnel employees won't have to make and audit complicated calculations about placement on the salary schedule.
4) I had directed our folks to work with the Department of Health and Social Services to see if we could help provide some assistance with the difficulties in recruitment and retention of social workers. I testified during our budget

hearings and, I believe, during hearings on HB 417 that we would look specifically at this problem. My understanding is that the meeting yesterday went well, DHSS has some concepts that they are discussing with Commissioner Hogan internally and we'll see if it meets their needs.

5) I have a meeting July 23 with Mike Nizich, Karen Rehfeld and Commissioners Irwin, Lloyd and Hartig, and AG Colberg to talk about professional positions and difficulty recruiting for some of these. I understand that the State must be competitive in positions that are necessary to support resource development. We increased AOGCC engineers' salaries to $150,000 in August of 2007 and followed (as we promised DNR) with support for the increase to Division of O&G engineers to $150,000 in the legislative session. These increases were singled out in our budget subcommittee and I was asked about the relationship between the increases. I have publicly supported the need to increase these salaries so our mission critical employees are not picked off by the oil companies.
6) We received $400,000 for a geographic differential study. This piece will (if the Legislature implements) rectify pay problems and inequities of cost of living throughout Alaska. I am working with the unions and will be working with legislators as the elections get closer to talk through the politics of implementing the results of the study. I'm very familiar with the background of why this has failed in the past. The fact that the Legislature agreed to fund it makes me cautiously optimistic about implementation.
7) If you have an opportunity to re-read pages 11-12 of the Working Group report – you can see all of the efforts that have, are and will be put to addressing recruitment and retention. We're marching right down the list of what we said we'd do.

I am in fairly constant communication with the hundreds of hiring managers who work for the commissioners. I am taking their suggestions and they are helping implement mine:

a) Telling departments to stop advertising positions and asking for SOA experience only. Yes, this is still happening.
b) Helping departments to stop writing minimum qualifications so tightly that no one applies.

What I've heard you say is that you are trying to constrain growth to 4% per year. I've already helped us go over that to the tune of about 9% for salary increases that have been sorely needed. My plan is to continue the momentum. I have always stayed in close contact with the Chief of Staff to ensure we are on the same page. This situation didn't happen overnight, and we are on a path to making sustainable changes.

Please let me know if there are things that you are concerned about that I may be overlooking. I appreciate your confidence in my ability to tackle this multi-faceted problem for the long haul, not just short-term fixes.
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By Tom Donohue, President and CEO

Some in the business community--indeed, many of our citizens--are worried about the future. They see America challenged like never before. They see the inability of our elected officials to tackle big problems. They see a loss of business support in Congress after the November elections.

So what should we do? We have choices.

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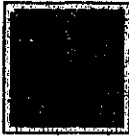
Capital Roundup

Chamber Connect! Tour Stops in North Dakota
The U.S. Chamber stopped in Fargo, North Dakota, as part of its six-city road show to illustrate the benefits of more widely available broadband.

Chamber Praises President's Action to Lift Energy Exploration Ban
The U.S. Chamber applauded President Bush's decision to lift a decades-old executive order banning oil exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf.

Chamber Fights for Business Phone Deductions
The U.S. Chamber is strongly supporting legislation that would make it easier for businesses to write off the cost of cell phones, BlackBerries, and similar telecommunication devices provided to employees.

Chamber Coalition Defends Employer-Based Health Care Coverage
The Chamber-led National Coalition on Benefits is urging Congress to preserve employer-

sponsored health care coverage and to oppose a bill that would disrupt part of the system that the group says is "already working."

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From the Blog

Energy Consensus by Karen Harbert

Recent polls on energy have demonstrated that public opinion is changing. A recent survey showed that 81% of the American people support the United States using more of its own domestic energy resources, including the oil and coal already here in the U.S., to combat the rising cost of energy and reduce dependence on foreign energy sources.

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To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)

Subject: Re: Exxon

Outrageous. Unbelievable!
Glad we have the one attorney most folks can like though.

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2008 16:51:58 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: Exxon

Dear Governor Palin,
Today Exxon filed a Response to the plaintiff request for a court ruling that interest is due on the judgment. In their arguments, which are certain to further enrage plaintiffs Exxon, among other things states:

- "...Exxon does not agree that there is any sound basis to award plaintiffs what they seek – approximately $488 million over and above the 507.5 million ..."
- "... all plaintiffs here were fully compensated years ago; no plaintiff has any type of personal or property right to be paid punitive damages..."
- "There is also no reason to penalize Exxon by awarding another $488 million (interest claimed) in damages..."
- Most incredibly the following statement is in their argument today:

"Absent plaintiffs' inciting the district court to ignore the Ninth Circuit's rulings, this case might have been concluded years ago."

- "Plaintiffs won nothing like a 'clear-cut victory here."
- "... the Court should include in the judgment interest only from the date (June of this year) of this Court's judgment fixing the legal size of the punitive damages award."

So it continues.... It is no wonder people hate attorneys. Talis

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WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFERS TO BUY REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR $6.19 BILLION

Waste Management launched an unsolicited surprise counter offer to buy Republic Services for about $6.19 billion, potentially derailing Republic's deal to acquire Allied Waste Industries Inc. for $6.77 billion. Republic said in a statement that it would carefully review the proposal and respond in due course, but the company noted that it already had a definitive merger agreement with Allied Waste. Waste Management's bid of $34 per share represents a 22% premium to Republic's recent closing price, but that stock had been off by 17% since rumors of its deal to buy Allied first surfaced. Therefore, it is likely that Waste Management will have to sweeten its offer before all is said and done.

It is also likely that the greater level of overlap between the two companies' markets will necessitate some divestitures; however, according to Waste Management's Chairman and CEO, David Steiner, "we're also certain the assets we'll get to keep are significant and make for a compelling transaction." Republic's strong business in Las Vegas is an especially compelling asset, said Steiner. Even with divestitures, the merger is likely to result in an expansion of Waste Management's share of the $55 billion waste management industry to 30% from 24%.

According to Steiner, "Our proposal clearly offers a better and more certain value alternative to Republic stockholders than the recently announced Republic-Allied Waste transaction."

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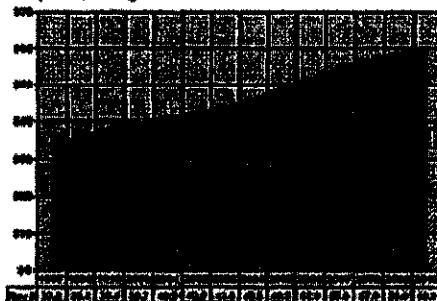
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Subject: Fw: Nome Road

Fyi for message incorporation... projects like access roads and building up infrastructure for future economic growth are also on our agenda - I'm afraid Alaskans are believing we're "all AGIA all the time", at the exclusion of other needs. So, when we get opportunities to proactively incorporate into our speeches, pressers, etc our other focuses, we need to do so (like building up our infrastructure with a good idea like an access road to our minerals I see below):

(And note, there's been no major road built since the 70's... we're in the time of surplus where we can build up our infrastructure to create jobs, create access to rich resources in areas people want roads to resources so we can diversify our economy)

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Cc: Randy Ruaro<randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>;

<john.reeves@alaska.gov>; Joe Balash<joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Subject: Nome Road

I've asked Randy to look into the preliminary work that's been done on a road to connect Alaskans with their resources in the rich area of Nome. No major access road has been built in Alaska since the 70's, we're in a time of surplus where we should be building up infrastructure in areas people want roads and access for development, and we need to build access to further diversify our resource development base... so heads up that Randy will be contacting you who are needed to provide him info on this as we think big and proactively work towards enabling development for AK's future. Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 12:24 PM

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Cc: Rowland; Mindy B (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Re: Sen Wagoner

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From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2008 11:29:46 -0800
To: Goode, Kelly C (GOV)<kelly.goode@alaska.gov>; <gov.palin@yahoo.com>; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
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Thanks Kelly.

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The transmittal letter, the bill, and my testimony are very clear that this is a special one-time payment. It is different than the PFD which was intended to be "permanent". But, legislators may be worried there will be constituents who will always want more and they have to be the bad guys next year who don't renew the program. That's probably true that some constituents will always want more money. But those folks will want more money regardless of this bill.

There are other needs in the State like transportation and we have introduced an appropriation bill that includes roads. We also introduced a transportation endowment bill last year that would have provided another $50 million a year for road projects statewide like the Sterling Highway project that is his number one priority. I think we will be introducing some sort of similar endowment bill again next session. So the passage of the resource rebate bill does not mean we won't be doing things for transportation in the future.

There is opposition. But I think legislators who vote no are going to have to face some very angry constituents who are getting hammered by high fuel prices and want some relief.

I will continue working with C&RA members on technical or minor amendments and try to count votes this

week and report in.

Randy

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Subject: Re: Response to April's letter

In a message dated 7/14/2008 12:54:38 A.M. Alaskan Daylight Time

FYI

Donald Nielsen writes: (Letter sent to April @BBNC 7/14)

> **I'm sorry I wasn't aware of the summit that was held in Dillingham. I am assuming that villages with concerns such as South Naknek with its current energy crisis should go through BBNC to ensure we speak with a collective voice to address our current crisis. If so, are you the contact person?**
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> **If this is the case, South Naknek Village Council communicated to governor Palin in late June and early July that her $1200.00 proposal does not come close to helping anyone in village Alaska nor does dropping the taxes at the gas pump. We have calculated for South Naknek, the current cost for heating, fuel, electricity, water & sewer and gasoline will cost each household approximately $18000 to $20000 for the coming year. This high cost for energy does not address all other annual vital needs such as food, etc.**
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 12:13 PM
To: Von Scheben; Leo (DOT)
Subject: Re: KABATA

Thanks !

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From: "Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)" <leo.vonscheben@alaska.gov>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2008 12:09:16 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: KABATA

Governor, I haven't forgotten your request for a debriefing on KABATA. I will be in touch soon. LEo

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From: Rep. Bryce Edgmon [Representative_Bryce_Edgmon@legis.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 10:37 AM

To: Savonoski@aol.com; aferguson@BBNC.NET; dmcclure@bbha.org; aanderson@bbha.org; manager@dillinghamak.us; chris@bbedc.com; cwood@bbahc.org; dsohara@bristolbay.com; dhoke@choggiung.com; dvukich@nea.coop; andora@nushtel.net; dorothy@curyungtribe.com; dholt@bbahc.org; frank@bbedc.com; fcorbin@nushagak.coop; heolson@hotmail.com; inez@bbnc.net; jsinz@BBNC.NET; Strandberg; Jim (AIDEA); planner@dillinghamak.us; judi@dlgsd.org; keggie@bbedc.com; mpease@acsalaska.net; nfavors@nushagak.coop; randersen@bbna.com; bhimschoot@gci.com; russell@dcsd.k12.ak.us; snoonk@mac.com; slamson@nea.coop; akpc@alaska.net; dorlarson@gci.net; DorLarson@aol.com; jmetrokin@BBNC.NET; jmchytnt@nushtel.net; Marie4099678@yahoo.com; mkbrownunk@mac.com; mkritz@unicom-alaska.com; pandrew@bbna.com; wwlbfish@nushtel.net; rclark@bbahc.org; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Parnell; Sean R (GOV); Haagenson; Steven H (AIDEA); Notti; Emil R (CED); Hoffman; Lyman F (LAA)

Subject: RE: Response to April's letter

Everyone,

The energy issue is going to attract a tremendous amount of debate and attention once the legislature turns to the issue, which will be next week. In the meantime there has been a regular stream of sidebar meetings on the issue. In a nutshell there is no consensus position on what we should with the Governor's $1200 rebate and her PCE proposal.

I've been meeting with both urban and rural legislators every day. If you followed the House C&RA meeting this morning you would quickly understand why some legislators are saying the energy issue might be dicier than the gasline proposal.

I'm doing everything I possibly can to push the issue of short term relief. Bush Alaska needs it to survive the winter. I've been talking with everyone: republicans and democrats alike. Let me also say that we're darn fortunate to have Lyman as Co-Chair of Senate Finance. The other plus is the Fairbanks delegation is fully engaged.

The issue is code red for Bush Alaska. I appreciate BBNC's (and everyone else's) efforts to step up and make a difference for the region.

Bryce

From: Savonoski@aol.com [mailto:Savonoski@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 10:10 AM
To: aferguson@BBNC.NET; dmcclure@bbha.org; aanderson@bbha.org; manager@dillinghamak.us; chris@bbedc.com; cwood@bbahc.org; dsohara@bristolbay.com; dhoke@choggiung.com; dvukich@nea.coop; andora@nushtel.net; dorothy@curyungtribe.com; dholt@bbahc.org; frank@bbedc.com; fcorbin@nushagak.coop; heolson@hotmail.com; inez@bbnc.net; jsinz@BBNC.NET; jstrandberg@aidea.org; planner@dillinghamak.us; judi@dlgsd.org; keggie@bbedc.com; mpease@acsalaska.net; nfavors@nushagak.coop; randersen@bbna.com; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; bhimschoot@gci.com; russell@dcsd.k12.ak.us; snoonk@mac.com; slamson@nea.coop; akpc@alaska.net; dorlarson@gci.net; DorLarson@aol.com; jmetrokin@BBNC.NET; jmchytnt@nushtel.net; Marie4099678@yahoo.com; mkbrownunk@mac.com; mkritz@unicom-alaska.com; pandrew@bbna.com; wwlbfish@nushtel.net; rclark@bbahc.org; Governor@gov.state.ak.us; Sean_Parnell@gov.state.ak.us; shaagenson@aidea.org; Emil_Notti@commerce.state.ak.us; Sen. Lyman Hoffman
Subject: Re: Response to April's letter

In a message dated 7/14/2008 12:54:38 A.M. Alaskan Daylight Time

FYI

Donald Nielsen writes: (Letter sent to April @BBNC 7/14)

> **I'm sorry I wasn't aware of the summit that was held in Dillingham. I am assuming that villages with concerns such as South Naknek with its current energy crisis should go through BBNC to ensure we speak with a collective voice to address our current crisis. If so, are you the contact person?**
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> **If this is the case, South Naknek Village Council communicated to governor Palin in late June and early July that her $1200.00 proposal does not come close to helping anyone in village Alaska nor does dropping the taxes at the gas pump. We have calculated for South Naknek, the current cost for heating, fuel, electricity, water & sewer and gasoline will cost each household approximately $18000 to $20000 for the coming year. This high cost for energy does not address all other annual vital needs such as food, etc.**
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Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 3:46 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'ftb907@yahoo.com'

Subject: Commissioner Kopp

Governor-

The media got wind that a sexual harassment complaint was filed against Commissioner Kopp in 2005. The accusation was investigation and found to have no substance. Commissioner Kopp said that he spoke to you and the Lt. Gov about the allegation during the transition. I just want to make sure you are aware of this – reporters are asking if you knew about this before he was hired.

Sharon Leighow
Deputy Press Secretary
Deputy Communications Director

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 5:51 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Boehner/Alaska

I would hope so since it's a first family picnic but we'll double check. I'll let John know so he can notify Boehner.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Tue Jul 15 05:39:49 2008

Subject: Re: Boehner/Alaska

Sounds acceptable. From picnic to airport to fairbanks for overnighter. May staff and first family members ride in caravan (at least two from first family)? Pls make sure it's ok w/dps and linda perez.

------Original Message------

From: K Perry

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jul 15, 2008 8:42 AM

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Cc: Todd; Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Blog

I ask for that flagging because Pat Daugherty said that's the only way to know what's bogus on their blog- and I don't blog nor have access to flagging anyway on these devices.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2008 11:11:17

To: Frank Bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>; K Perry Yahoo<krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; Rosanne Hughes<rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Cc: Todd<fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

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Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Bishop; Clark C (DOL); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Von Scheben; Leo (DOT); Notti; Emil R (CED)
Subject: Fw: Nome Road

Fyi for message incorporation... projects like access roads and building up infrastructure for future economic growth are also on our agenda - I'm afraid Alaskans are believing we're "all AGIA all the time", at the exclusion of other needs. So, when we get opportunities to proactively incorporate into our speeches, pressers, etc our other focuses, we need to do so (like building up our infrastructure with a good idea like an access road to our minerals I see below):

(And note, there's been no major road built since the 70's... we're in the time of surplus where we can build up our infrastructure to create jobs, create access to rich resources in areas people want roads to resources so we can diversify our economy)

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2008 10:35:39

To: Leo Von Scheben<leo.vonscheben@alaska.gov>; Click Bishop<clark.bishop@alaska.gov>; Tom Irwin<tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Cc: Randy Ruaro<randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>; M Nizich<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; <john.reeves@alaska.gov>; Joe Balash<joe.balash@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 9:56 AM
To: Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
Subject: Re: 07.17.08 ANWR Tour Press Conference

Thanks Kate. Is the press aware that we'll be there w congress at this event? Also, are these congressmen already in support of or opposed to anwr?

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From: "Morgan, Katryn L (GOV)" <kate.morgan@alaska.gov>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2008 09:19:36 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Mason, Janice L (GOV) <janice.mason@alaska.gov>; Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)<rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>
Subject: 07.17.08 ANWR Tour Press Conference

Governor,

Here are your remarks and event info for the Congressional Challengers ANWR Tour Press Conference on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Your remarks are also included as text in the body of this email. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks so much and have a good trip home!

Kate Morgan
Communications Coordinator
Office of Governor Sarah Palin
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ANWR Congressional Tour Press Conference
July 17, 2008 @ 10:30, Millennium Hotel

Thank you, Mike, for that introduction, & good morning☺ To the congressional candidates who are with us today – **welcome**. We so appreciate your interest & pro-active investigation into AK's resources. We, your northernmost neighbors, have not only **watched**fuel & energy prices as they soar to astronomical highs, we have**felt it**. Many in AK face the choice between heating their home & putting food on their table, & I know that – regrettably – some Americans in the Lower 48 are experiencing the same challenges.

The price of oil, & now, gasoline, has become sensitive & subject to events occurring outside the United States. We have placed ourselves in a

position of having to plead with suppliers in theMiddle East to increase production when, **instead**, we could **lift** the development bans that are keeping us from our own resource independence.

The endless debate over energy prices is especially frustrating to AKns, b/c we know that we are ready to be part of the solution. On your tour, you've seen evidence that AK truly is a resource-rich state, with huge deposits of oil & natural gas, & we hope that you will agree that these resources should be developed to benefit the rest of the nation. Opening up just that sliver of ANWR could produce enough oil – an estimated one million barrels per day – to ease the fuel crisis & reduce our dependence on foreign oil. This could be accomplished through sound science & a tiny footprint in that vast wilderness of nearly 20 million acres.

I have joined Pres. Bush in calling on Congress to open ANWR, & I appreciate that our president recognizes this is the right course of action. I applaud the president in lifting the ban on drilling in federal offshore areas. AK's offshore federal lands in the Beaufort & Chuckchi Seas alone contain an estimated 25 billion barrels of oil & 100 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. But that's not enough. That's where you can help, b/c we need Congress' approval to move forward.

And where natural gas is concerned, AKns are finally seeing progress in developing that resource after three decades of effort. Thanks to recent legislation – our Alaska Gasline Inducement Act, or AGIA – which provides the private sector with the necessary incentive to compete, our gas pipeline is ready to move from a hope to a reality. As competition increases desire to produce, we **eagerly** look forward to being a help to the rest of the nation in this time of energy crisis.

Over the last few days you've seen **firsthand** the safety measures & sound science that would not only lay the foundation for AK's economic future, but also lead the way toward lessening America's dependence on foreign oil. I believe it is imperative that we protect the security & economic freedom of Americans by responsibly developing our known resources. Well, I know we're all eager to

hear the impressions that each of you have of our state & your travel thus far, so I'll close by saying again how much we appreciate your willingness to come & see for yourself what ANWR & development in AK truly is all about.

Thank you!